

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2, 10, 12 and amend claims 4-9, and 11 without disclaimer or prejudice:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) A process of preparing finasteride Form I, which process comprises the steps of: (i) dissolving finasteride in a solvent to form a solution; (ii) distilling off the solvent from the solution obtained in step (i); (iii) adding a non solvent to the product of step (ii); and (iv) isolating finasteride Form I.

4. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim [[1]] 3, wherein said solvent is methanol or dichloromethane.

5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim [[1]] 3, wherein dissolution of said finasteride in said solvent is carried out at a temperature in the range of ambient to reflux.

6. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim [[1]] 3, wherein the solution of the finasteride in the solvent is clarified using decolourising agents.

7. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim [[1]] 3, wherein said non solvent is water.

8. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim [[1]] 3, wherein said non solvent is an organic solvent in which the solubility of finasteride is not more than about 5% w/v.

9. (Original) A process according to claim 8, wherein said organic non solvent is selected from the group consisting of hexane, heptane, octane, toluene, xylene, isobutyl acetate and isopropyl acetate.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim [[2]] 3, further comprising stirring a precipitated product obtained following ~~the replacement step (iii).~~

12. (Cancelled)

13.-20. (Cancelled)